A. SOCIAL BACKGROUND:

1. Name of the Respondent

2. Father’s Name

3. Address: Vill/Town

4. Age

5. Sex

6. Marital Status: (a) Married (b) Unmarried (c) Widow (d) Divorce

7. Religion: (a) Hindu (b) Muslim (c) Christian (d) Others

8. Caste: (a) Gen. (b) SC (c) ST (d) OBC (e) MOBC

9. Educational Qualification: (a) Illiterate (b) Primary (c) Middle (d) High School (e) H.S. (f) Graduate (g) Above Graduate

10. Nature of the Family: (a) Joint (b) Nuclear
B. ECONOMIC BACKGROUND:

1. Occupation
   (a) Cultivation   (b) Business
   (c) Housewife   (e) Any other
2. Property
   (a) Individual Property
   (b) Family Property
3. Husband’s Profession

C. POLITICAL BACKGROUND OF THE FAMILY:

1. Whether your husband/father/guardian take part in politics?
   (a) Yes (b) No (c) No Response
2. (1) If Yes, does he attend Political meeting?
   (a) Yes (b) No (c) No Response
3. Is he a member of any political party?
   (a) Yes (b) No (c) No Response
3.(1) If Yes, name of the Party:
   (a) INC   (b) BJP   (c) AGP
   (d) AUDF   (e) Independent   (f) Any others
4. How did you enter into politics?
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D. FACTORS DETERMINE TO CONTEST THE ELECTION:

1. What are the factors that promoted you to contest the election of Nagaon Zila Parishad?
   (a) Personal Interest
   (b) Taking initiative by Political Party
   (c) By Your family encouragement
(d) All the above factors
(e) Any other factors you want to say.

2. Which factor you consider as most important behind your success in the election?

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E. SUPPORT FROM THE POLITICAL PARTY:

1. Did you get support from any political party to contest the election of Nagaon Zila Parishad?
   (a) Yes    (b) No  (c) No response

1.1 If yes, name the Political Party.
   (a) INC    (b) BJP    (c) AGP
   (d) AUDF    (e) Independent    (f) Any others

2. What short of support was provided by the party in the election?
   Tell us briefly.................................................................
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3. In the next term, if the party will not give you party ticket to contest, then will you be interested to contest as Independent?
   (a) Yes    (b) No  (c) No response

F. POLITICAL AWARENESS OF WOMEN MEMBERS:

1. Did you contest in any election of any political body before?
   (a) Yes    (b) No  (c) No response

1.1 If yes, for which position did you contest?
2. Did you win?
   (a) Yes  (b) No  (c) No response
3. If no, (a) What was the reason behind that?
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   (b) Do you find and problem as a first timer contestant in election process?
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G. POLITICAL EXPERIENCE OF THE WOMEN MEMBERS:

1. Do you know how many Panchayati Raj Acts were passed in Assam in post independence period? What is 73rd Amendment? Do you know all the provisions/any provision in these Acts?
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2. Do you see any change in Panchayati Raj system after the 73rd Amendment Act?
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3. Do you know the functions of Nagaon Zila Parishad?
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4. Who was/is the President of Nagaon Zila Parishad during your term?
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H. ATTENDING MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS:

1. In what duration general body meetings are arranged in Nagaon Zila Parishad?

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1. Do you attend all the meetings? If not how frequently do you attend the meetings of Nagaon Zila Parishad?
   (a) Rarely  (b) Now and then  (c) Frequently

3. Do you participate in the discussion?
   (a) Yes  (b) No  (c) No response

3.1 If yes, then tell us how frequently?
   (a) Rarely participate
   (b) Frequently participate

4. How do you take decisions in the meetings?
   (a) Unanimously
   (b) Majority
   (c) Any other

5. Do you discussed about the important issues for the wellbeing of the general people?
   (a) Yes (b) No  (c) No response

6. Do you have any training facility in Panchayati Raj Institutions for newly elected members?
   (a) Yes (b) No  (c) No response

I. ROLE OF WOMEN IN DECISION MAKING:

1. Generaly who play the key role in taking decisions?

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2. How is your part in the decisions making process?
   (a) More active  (b) Active  (c) Silent
3. Do you express your opinion on the decisions that are taken in the meeting?
   (a) Yes (b) No (c) No response

3.1 If yes, how do the other members react to your opinion?
   (a) They Ignore (b) They Accept (c) They Discuss

3.2 If they accept, mention the decision.

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J. MONITORING:

1. Do you take active part to see the implementation of the decisions that are taken in the meetings of Nagaon Zila Parishad?
   (a) Yes (b) No (c) No Response

1.1 If yes, which proposal?

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2. Do you take part for the implementation of different schemes under Nagaon Zila Parishad?
   (a) Yes (b) No (c) No Response

2.1 If yes, name of the schemes:

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3. Do you take active part in the supervision?
   (a) Yes (b) No (c) No Response

4. Do you take interest in monitoring the distribution of funds and resources of Nagaon Zila Parishad?
   (a) Yes (b) No (c) No Response

4.1 If yes, mention the funds:

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K. ABILITY OF MEMBERS:

1. What type of activities you have performed during your period?
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2. Are you satisfied with your activities?
   (a) Yes  (b) No  (c) No Response

3. What is the problem of your area?
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4. How do you solve the problems of village people?
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5. Are you interested into get re-elected in the present position in future?
   (a) Yes  (b) No  (c) No Response

6. Do you want to contest in higher level of governance in future?
   (a) Yes  (b) No  (c) No Response

L. SUPPORT OF FAMILY:

1. Whether your family support or encourage you to participate in Zila Parishad?
   (a) Yes  (b) No  (c) No Response

2. Are you motivated by the family members to take decisions in Zila Parishad?
   (a) Yes  (b) No  (c) No Response

3. Do you get help from your family members in your household work? When you get busy in Zila Parishad activities.
   (a) Yes  (b) No  (c) No Response

4. Whether your dual role comes into conflict with each other?
   (a) Yes  (b) No  (c) No Response
M. ON 73RD AMENDMENT ACT:

1. What is your opinion on reservation of women in Panchayati Raj Institutions? Is it necessary?
   (a) Yes (b) No (c) No Response

2. Do you think that 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act has empowered women?
   (a) Yes (b) No (c) No Response

3. Do you see any change with regard to women’s participation in Panchayati Raj Institutions after constitutional provision of 33% reservation of seats for women?

TO MALE MEMBERS ONLY

1. Do you feel any short of discrimination or a feeling of isolation for the women member at the meetings?
   (a) Yes (b) No (c) No Response

2. Tell us about the behaviour of male members towards women members?
   (a) Cordial
   (b) Official
   (c) Helpful
   (d) Negligence

3. Do you think the women members are less corrupt and more transparent, accountable to the public?
   (a) Yes (b) No (c) No Response

4. What would be done in your opinion to increase women’s participation in Panchayati Raj Institutions?

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5. Do the women members of Nagaon Zila Parishad regularly attend the meetings?
   (a) Yes (b) No (c) No Response

6. Are they active in debate and discussion?
   (a) Yes (b) No (c) No Response

7. Do they think that there is a need to increase women’s participations in Panchayati Raj Institutions?
   (a) Yes (b) No (c) No Response

N. WOMEN PARTICIPATION AND EMPOWERMENT:

1. What is the meaning of Women Empowerment?

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2. Is there positive impact of Reservation towards Women Empowerment?
   (a) Yes (b) No (c) No Response

3. Do you think that 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act. is the Key-Provision to increase women participation and empowerment in Panchayati Raj Institutions?
   (a) Yes (b) No (c) No Response

3.1 If yes then how?
   (a) It is giving opportunity in the political field.
   (b) It is helpful for women to get the party ticket.
   (c) Any other reason........................................................................................................